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Hey guys,

Here is the email thread and attachment between HUD, Manuel and Jennifer.

Let me know if you guys ever want me to e-tro you to Lelaine.

Thank you,

Maral

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Per Manuel's email, I have attached the research brief. Please let me know if you have any problems with the attachment.

My best,
Jennifer

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Hi, all,

I'm copying my project manager, Jennifer Ito; she and I drafted a piece for the folks working in South LA about why the current HUD criteria don't quite line up with the issues faced in California.

She'll send along the memo but here's the quick bottom line (I'm also copying one of our data analysts, Madeline Wander, who is familiar with this from a conversation we were just having with the Rockefeller Foundation about metrics as well as from our work together on what defines inclusive growth).

When you define an area of distress by "traditional" measures like unemployment and high vacancy, you pick up Detroit and Cleveland: ravaged by deindustrialization, population loss, and large African American populations that are disconnected from the labor market. And you should identify those areas – that's important.

But that doesn't describe Los Angeles where vacancy rates are low and the issue is overcrowding, where immigrant populations have very high rates of employment (with limited access to any safety net, they have to work) but really low wages, and where deindustrialization did indeed happen but now the issue is an hourglass service economy.

This is also distress – but it should be measured by rent burden, overcrowding, working poverty, wage trajectories, displacement risks, etc.

And using some of the "traditional" measures doesn't even always pick up African American low-income neighborhoods (which you'd probably like to do) since there has been such a move-in of Latinos: South LA was 80 percent African American in 1970 and is two-thirds Latino today, with a significant immigrant presence.

The quick "East Coast" / "West Coast" categorization is a short-hand for this – and there is this broad regional difference – but it's the various metrics and circumstances that are key. And at least our view is that it's not either/or – it's both/and.

Jennifer, please send along the memo – and Madeline, feel free to add any thoughts or other literature where we've worked on this.

Best, M.

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Thanks Maral!

Dr. Pastor—Would love anything you have handy that you can send for our folks to review. Happy to answer more questions if you have them.

Best,
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Hello, Lelaine and Dr. Pastor,

I wanted to quickly connect you both via email. Dr. Pastor, Lelaine is HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Relations and was in Los Angeles with Secretary Castro's visit to Trade Tech and emailed me before the holiday with hopes of finding out more about the "east coast model" that you discussed on the bus with Secretary Castro and how it varies in the west coast.

Lelaine, I will let you talk more in depth with Dr. Pastor about any questions that you and HUD might have regarding this. Thank you so much and please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Sincerely,

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